

# Iowa Department on Aging

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## **Iowa Department on Aging Announces Request for Applications from Eligible Organizations Interested in Area Agency on Aging Designation**

*With the Legislative Mandate to reduce the number of Iowa's Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)  
Eligible Organizations are asked to Submit Applications for Consideration of AAA Designation*

(Des Moines, IA) During its 2011 session, Iowa's 84th General Assembly passed HF 45 which mandated that the Department on Aging reduce the number of Area Agencies on Aging. During the 2012 session of Iowa's 84th General Assembly, HF 2320 mandated that the Iowa Commission on Aging revoke the designation of the existing area agencies on aging and designate a new area agency on aging for each planning and service area no later than July 1, 2013.

In April of 2012, the Commission for the Iowa Department on Aging voted to reduce the number of planning and service areas from the current thirteen (13) to six (6.) Each planning and service area will have a designated Area Agency on Aging. The commission will move to designate applicants as an area agency on aging in late 2012.

The Request for Application (RFA) is posted and can be viewed on the DAS bid opportunities website: [http://bidopportunities.iowa.gov/?pgname=viewrfp&rfp\\_id=7810](http://bidopportunities.iowa.gov/?pgname=viewrfp&rfp_id=7810). All applications are due October 19, 2012.

For those organizations interested, all questions, comments or other requests related to the Request for Application (RFA) should be referred to Karl Wendt at the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the designated project officer. Mr. Wendt's phone number is: 515/281-7073 and his e-mail address is: [Karl.Wendt@iowa.gov](mailto:Karl.Wendt@iowa.gov).

Iowa's local Area Agencies on Aging administer and deliver coordinated services and supports which help older Iowans maintain their health and independence.

For more information on the Iowa Department on Aging, check out the Department's website at: <http://www.iowaaging.gov/>.

The mission of the Iowa Department on Aging is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and cost-effective system of long term living and community support services that help individuals maintain health and independence in their homes and communities.

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